appointed by the Central Government to the Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. The said Act does not specify as to how many of these nominations will be from official or non-official category. However, the Central Government has nominated three officials and three non-officials to the present Council of the Institute for a term of three years starting from 18-1-95.

(c) and (d) While making these nominations the Central Govt. do take into account the background and experience of the persons who can effectively contribute to management of the affairs of the Institute and in regulating the profession of Chartered Accountants in the Country.

Establishing the Bench of Karnataka High Court at Hindi

1621. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has requested for the establishment of a Bench of the Karnataka High Court at Hubli;

(b) since when this request has been pending before the Central Government; and

(c) the reasons for not considering the request when similar arrangement is existing in the States like Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, U.P., etc?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) The Chief Minister of Karnataka intimated *vide* his letter dated 11th August, 1992 that the Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court had been requested to apprise the Full Court of the State Government's strong views in the matter of setting up of a Bench of the High Court at Dharwad and to communicate its concurrence early. The Chief Minister *(Inter-alia* requested that the matter be processed further and approval of the Government of India communicated for the setting u of a permanent Bench of the Karnataki High Court at Dharwad. The Chie Minister was requested in September 1992 to discuss the matter with the Chie Justice of the High Court, to obtain hi views and to send them with the view of the State Government so as to enabl the Central Government to proceed fur ther in terms of Section 51(2) of th States Re-organisation Act, 1956. Th Chief Minister intimated *vide* his letter dated 5-5-93 and 28-10-93 that he ha discussed the matter with the Chie Justice and was expecting a reply. No spe cific, complete proposal has been receive from the State Government, in consulta tion with the High Court. Therefore, i is not possible for the Cenral Govern ment to take further action in the matter

Failure of Lan Eseda Lease and Financ Company to return the Public Funds

1622. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD Will the PRIME MINISTER be please to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a company Lan Eseda Lease and Finance, listed wit the Hyderabad Stock Exchange, failed t return the public funds comprising it under subscribed issue;

(b) whether any search was conducte by the Revenue department at Shyan Bhatia's Premises and whether unaccoun ted assets and incriminating document were seized; and

(c) whether the Office of the Contro ler of Capital Issues were not aware c Shyam Bhatia's massive income to eva sion from the year 1990-91 and whethe the Ministries of Law and Finance wer keeping a track on the antecedents c the promotor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THI MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AN COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R BHARDWAJ): (a) The Hyderabad Stoc Exchange Ltd. have stated that no com pany named M/s. Lan Eseda Lease Finance Ltd. is listed with the Hyder